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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2016- 0042]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on August 16, 2016 (81 FR 54660).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [30 days from date of publication].

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 – 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via e-mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address:

oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue., SE., Mail Stop TAD-10, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-0354 or tia.swain@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 C.F.R. Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On August 16, 2016, FTA published a 60-day notice (81 FR 54660) in the Federal Register soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) Program

OMB Control Number: 2132-0566

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection

Abstract: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) established the Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) Program with \$100 million in new discretionary grant program funding to support public transit agencies in making capital investments that would assist in the reduction of energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions within their public transportation systems. In two subsequent years, The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Related Agencies Appropriations Act, The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act appropriated an additional \$75 million and \$49.9 million, respectively, for FY 2010 and FY 2011. The TIGGER Program has awarded 87 competitively selected projects, implementing a wide variety of technologies to meet program goals. The awarded projects were geographically diverse, covering 35 states and 67 different transit agencies in both urban and rural settings. Since there has been no new funding since 2011, the information that's currently being collected for this program is submitted as part of the Project Management reporting requirements for TIGGER. The collection of Project Management information provides documentation that the recipients of TIGGER funds are meeting program objectives and are complying with FTA Circular 5010.1D, "Grant Management Requirements" and other federal requirements. FTA has published a Federal Register notice for the Announcement of Project Selections for each NOFA in consecutive FY, 2009, 2010, and 2011, identifying program recipients.

Annual Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,072 hours

Comments are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

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